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1. USIA AND CU/AF OFFICERS VIEWED EXCELLENT KAMWA VTR ON JANUARY 22. FROM WHAT WAS SAID ON TAPE, KAMWA DESIRES PROGRAM QUITE DIFFERENT FROM OUTLINE IN REFTEL.
2. APPARENTLY, KAMWA SEES PROGRAM AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK INTO U.S. FILMMAKING, OR AT THE VERY LEAST, WORK ON A FEATURE-LENGTH FILM TO LEARN U.S. TECHNIQUES. WHILE A FILM/SPEAKING TOUR OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CAN BE ARRANGED, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO COERCE A PROMINENT FILMMAKER TO OVERLOOK PRODUCTION RISKS OF HAVING NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL ON SET. IN OTHER WORDS, KAMWA COULD BE SCHEDULED TO VISIT SETS, AND MAYBE EVEN EXPERIENCE ONE DAY'S SHOOTING, BUT HE COULD NOT JOIN A PRODUCTION COMPANY.
3. HE SHOULD ALSO BE CAUTIONED THAT ALTHOUGH HE COULD USE IV VISIT TO FIND A POSITION ON STUDIO CREW, UNION RULES WOULD MAKE EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULT, WHILE "J" VISA REQUIREMENTS WOULD PRECLUDE HIS RETURNING TO THE U.S. TO WORK FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

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4. SOME PARTICIPANTS OF VIEWING SESSION THOUGHTTHATTHERE

WAS A POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING PARTICIPATORY EXPERIENCE
WITH AN INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER. HOWEVER, BEFORE ANY
HONEST EFFORT CAN BE BEGUN, IT IS NECESSARY TO VIEW
"POUSSE, POUSSE." REQUEST THAT POST AIRPOUCH FILM ASAP
TO USIA/IAA.

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